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続★星守る犬

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STAR PROTECTOR DOG★ PART★2

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星を護る犬 続編 第2巻

"BINARY STAR"

DEFINITION:

TWO FIXED STARS ORBITING AROUND
THEIR OWN CENTERS OF GRAVITY;

SIRIUS FROM THE CANIS MAJOR IS ONE.

BINARY STARS ARE ALSO KNOWN AS DOUBLE STARS.

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IS
ANYONE
HERE?!

HEY!!

OH,
MS.
NAGANO.

WHAT
CAN I
GET
YOU?

HELLO

YOUR
CUSTOMER
IS HERE!!

THANK
YOU!

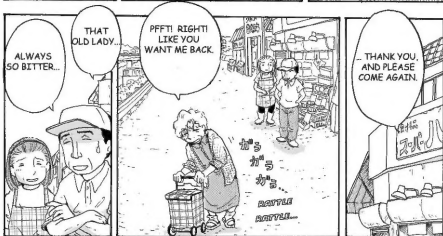
I'LL BUY THESE
CHEAP LOOKING
BASKET OF
CUCUMBERS.
GO ON AND
WRAP THEM UP!!

TOMATOES
200 YEN

CUCUMBER
3 FOR
100 YEN

BINARY STAR

双子星





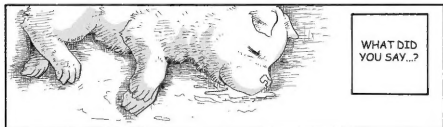
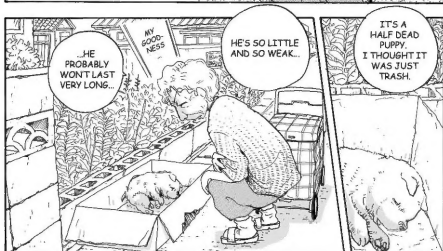
INSIDE OF THIS BOX...

I CAN'T MOVE BECAUSE MY
TUMMY HURTS SO BAD...
AND RIGHT BESIDE ME...



MY BIG BROTHER IS VERY HEALTHY
AND KEEPS ON BARKING.





WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

WHAT WON'T LAST LONG...?



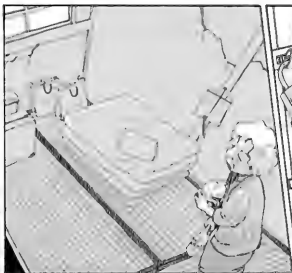
RATTLE
RATTLE...

WELL
...



THIS JUST
MAY BE
MY "CALLING."







?

...I JUST
COULDN'T
FIND THE
RIGHT
MOMENT
TO DO IT...

BUT WHEN
IT CAME TO
IT...

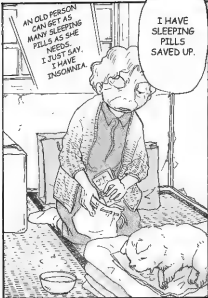


BUT THIS
LOOKS LIKE
MY "CALLING."



AN OLD PERSON
CAN GET AS
MANY SLEEPING
PILLS AS SHE
NEEDS.
I JUST SAY,
I HAVE
INSOMNIA.

I HAVE
SLEEPING
PILLS
SAVED UP.



IT'S
ALRIGHT.



...DON'T
WANT TO
GO ALONE,
DO YOU?

YOU...

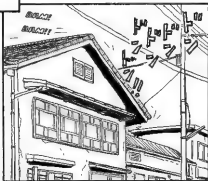


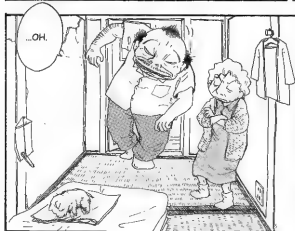
I'LL BE
RIGHT BEHIND
YOU.

I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE,
BUT...

LOOKS LIKE I'M IN
BIG TROUBLE...

HEY BIG BROTHER...
WHERE ARE YOU...?





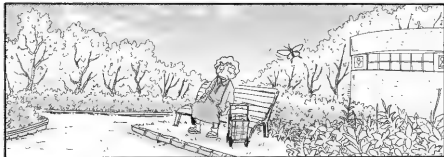
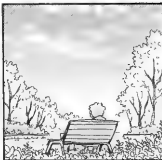
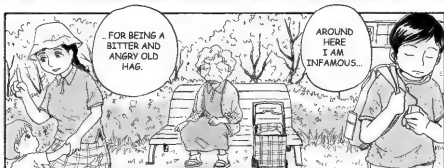
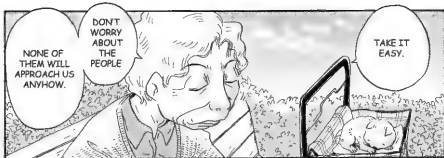


FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
SOMEONE GAVE ME PRAISE.

IT FELT KIND OF GOOD.

RATTLE
RATTLE...

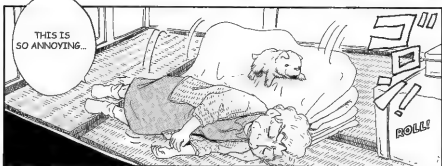


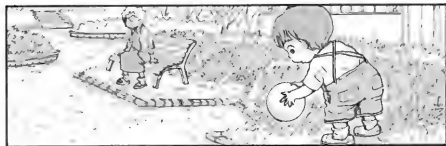




TWITCH

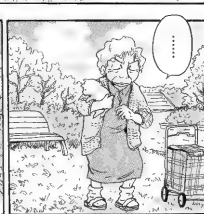
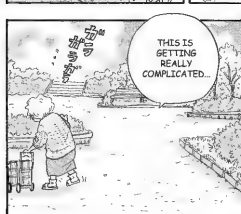








GACK
GACK!!



HOW ARE YOU
BIG BROTHER?

(NOT ALL
THE TIME
THOUGH)

I HAVE
GOTTEN A
LITTLE
BETTER.

...NOT
DOING
SO GREAT.

BUT THE
GRANDMA
IS...

IN FACT,
I THINK YOU'RE
STILL CLOSER
TO HEAVEN
THAN I AM.

IT'S JUST
A COLD.

WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?

COUGH
COUGH...

YOU FALL
DOWN
ALL THE
TIME...

I WAS SURE
YOU WERE
NOT GONNA
LAST,
I DIDNT BUY
EXTRA DOG
FOOD..

I
DONT HAVE
ANY FOOD
FOR YOU
HERE...

...I'M SORRY,
YOU MUST BE
HUNGRY.

IT SUCKS TO
BE OLD

BUT THEN AGAIN,
JUST A COMMON
COLD KEEPS ME
BED BOUND...

ALRIGHT..

MEOW
MEOW

YOU PERVERT.
YOU HAVE
THIS PLACE
BUGGED,
HAVENT YOU?

CANS OF
DOG FOOD
THAT ARE
NEARING
THEIR
EXPIRATION
DAY.

THIS IS
OUR LEFT-
OVER.

HEY!

EXCUSE ME
MS.
NAGANO.

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IT
SHOULDN'T
BE A PROBLEM
IF YOU
USE THEM
NOW.

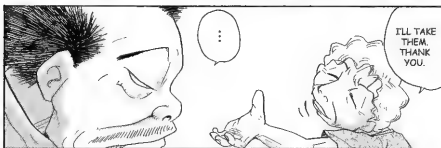
THESE ARE
ACTUALLY
FOR PUPPIES

I CAN HEAR
EVERYTHING
FROM THE
ROOMS
WHEN I'M
TENDING
THE GARDEN.

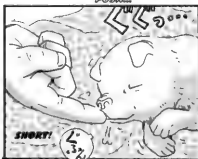
YOU HAVE NO
CLUE HOW
POORLY
BUILT THIS
PLACE IS.

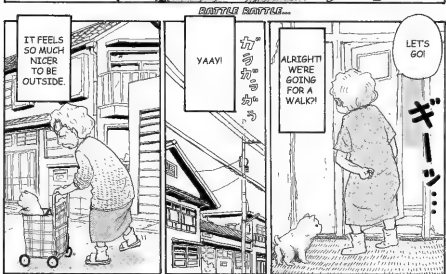
HMPH!

BOYLE...BOYLE...

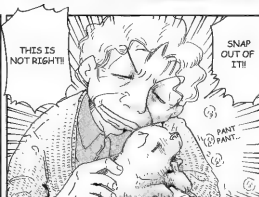






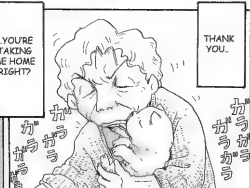






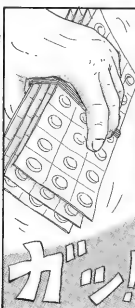
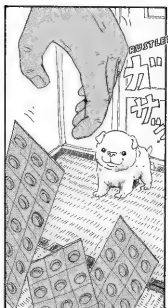


...YOU'RE
TAKING
ME HOME
RIGHT?





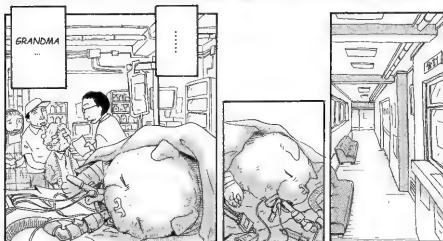
LOCK LIKE!



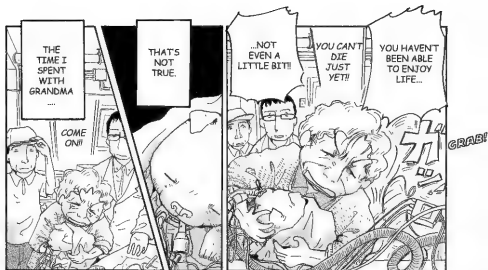














BATTLE BATTLE...



ガラガラガラ...

I HAVE
ALWAYS...



BATTLE
BATTLE...



I'VE
NEVER
PRAYED
TO A GOD
EITHER.

...SO



...RELIED
ON
ANYBODY.

I'VE
NEVER
...

BATTLE
BATTLE...

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ガラ
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...LIVED
ALONE.

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ガラ
ガラ
BATTLE
BATTLE



RUFF RUFF!



BUT...

**ガガガ
ウウウ**



THE
DOC SAID
HE COULD
GET OVER
THIS
AS HE
GROWS UP

IT SEEMED
TO HAVE
STABILIZED.

HOW'S
THE
LITTLE
GUY'S
HEART?



YOU
TOO!!



OF
COURSE!

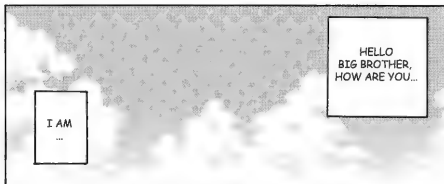
..IF AND
WHEN I
NEED YOUR
HELP AGAIN.
CAN YOU
HELP US?

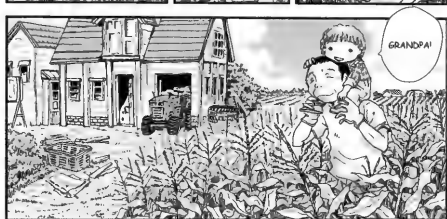


DON'T GET THE
WRONG IDEA,
I WASN'T
FOLLOWING YOU
WE JUST SO HAPPEN
TO HAVE SAME
WALKING ROUTE.



TSK!

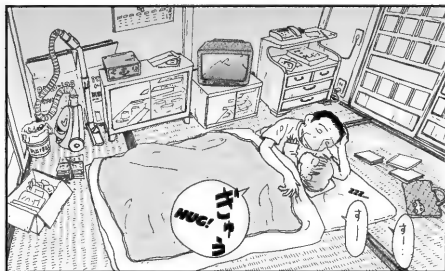




CHOMP
CHOMP...









NOT TOO
LONG AGO

YAWN!

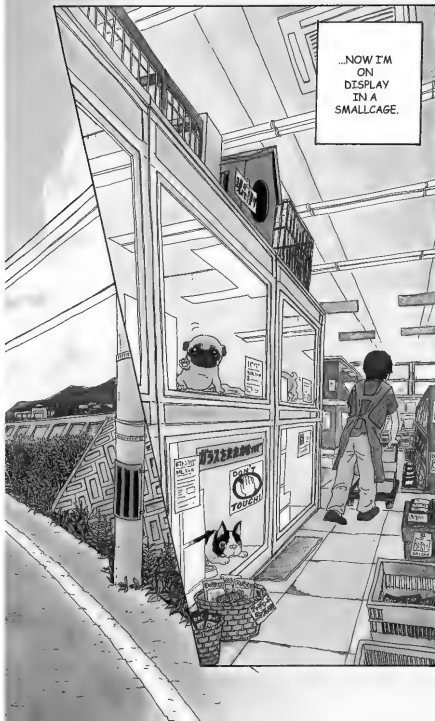


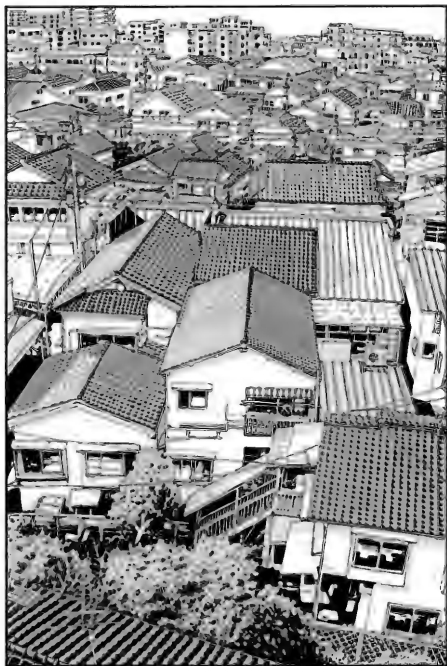
DRINKING
HER MILK...

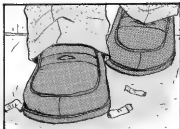
I WAS WITH
MY MOTHER

一等星

THE FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR







KLANG

KLANG...

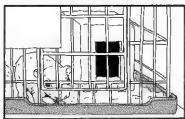


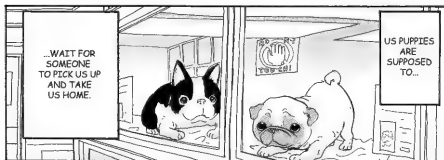
WANT A
LITTLE
CASH I SEE
YOU
SOMETIME

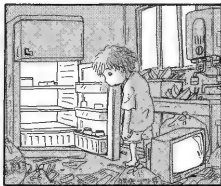


WANT A
LITTLE
CASH I SEE
YOU
SOMETIME

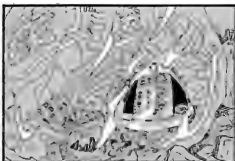
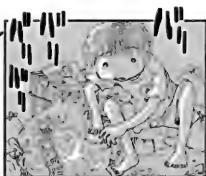








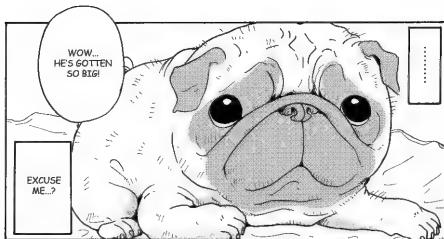
RIP
RIP!

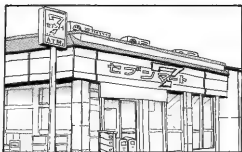
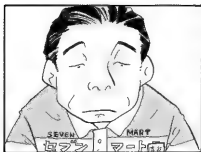


DRIP...DRIP...

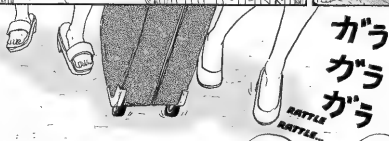


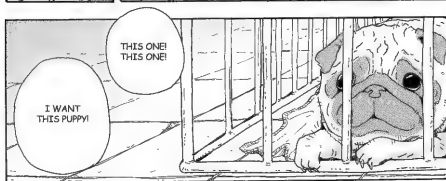
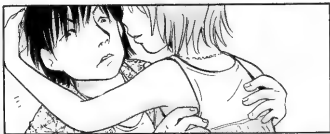


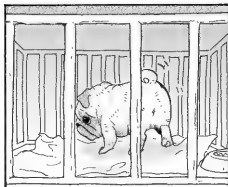


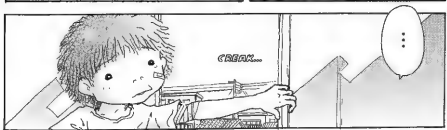
















WHAT'S
GOING ON,
MR.
SAKASHITA?

I FEEL BAD,
BUT IT HAS
BEEN TWO
YEARS...



...

WE
CAN'T
KEEP HIM
HERE...?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?

WE CAN'T
KEEP THIS GUY
IN THE STORE
ANYMORE...

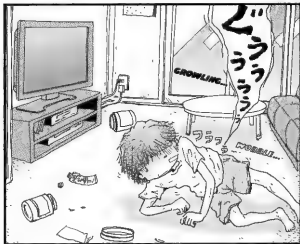
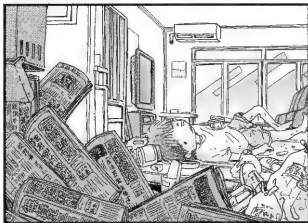
THE OWNER
SAID...

...HUH?



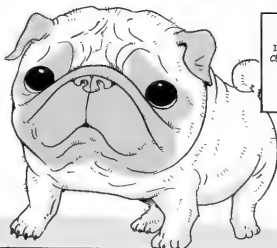
THEY ARE
TALKING
ABOUT ME?

THIS IS
NEW...



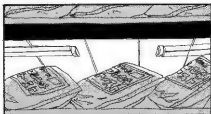
CLICK...







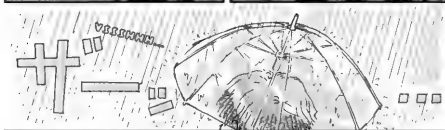
GROWLING...



GROWLING...







HOW
IRRESPONSIBLE
CAN YOU GET?

HOW...



NO CALLS
FOR OVER
HALF A
YEAR...



YOU JUST
APPEAR OUT
OF THE BLUE
AND LEAVE
ME WITH
YOUR KID.

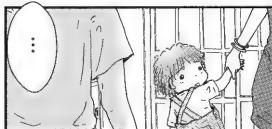


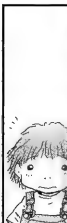
AND
NOW...





WHERE ARE YOU GOING?





I'LL
PACK
TETSUO'S
THINGS.

GIVE
ME A
MINUTE
...



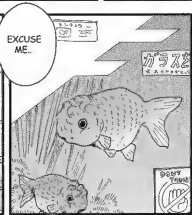
...BUT
ONLY
TO YOUR
GRAND
CHILDREN.



I
GUESS
YOU
ARE
NICE...

SLAM!









SLAM!



CLICK!

カチン!

KIFLI...

WHAT IS
"KIFLI"
BY THE WAY...



I
DID
NOT
SAY
YOU
COULD
GET IN.

...WELL



CHILD
ABDUCTION
IS A SERIOUS
CRIME...

THIS
IS NOT
GOOD...

AND I'M
NOT A
WEIRDO
OR
ANYTHING...



AT LEAST

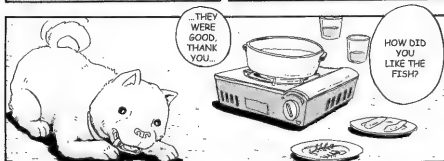
THIS IS
WHAT PEOPLE
CALL
'HIGH RISK
WITH NO
BENEFIT.'







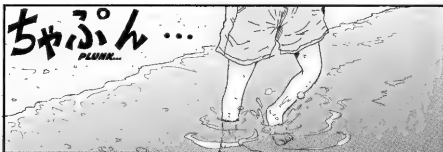
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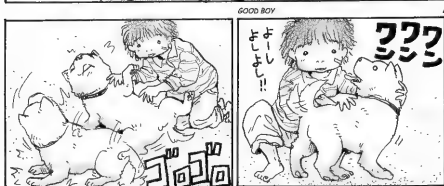
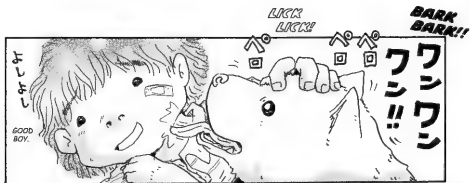






















YOU SHOULD
HEAD HOME

IT'S LATE

CRUISE!!

I'M GOING
TO
NIGHT
SCHOOL



I SHOULD
NOT BE...

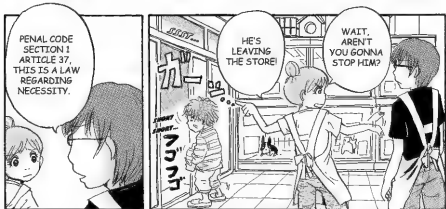




SNEEZE...
SNEEZE...



RATTLE
RATTLE!!









...
SERIOUSLY?



HELLO
...?



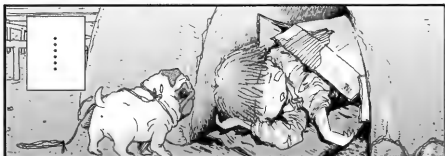
HE'S
FAST
ASLEEP!



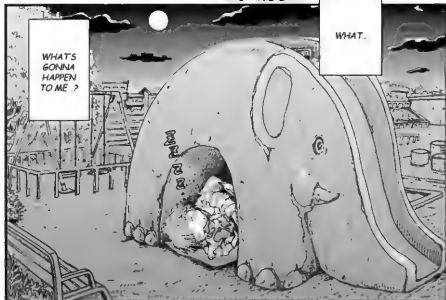
I'VE NEVER
SLEPT
OUTSIDE!

WHAT DO
I DO?!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



...





ROAAAAAR!!!



SLAP!





ドロooooooooooL....



CHOMP!

GULP!





SHORT
SHORT...

...WHAT
DOES THIS
MEAN,
EXACTLY?

LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE GOING
IN THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION
FROM THE STORE...

チャッ チャッ...

STEP
STEP...



...THIS
IS AS IF
YOU WERE
MY
OWNER?

THEN YOU
TOOK ME OUT
TO A WALK,
FED ME,
PLAYED WITH ME...

YOU
TOOK
ME OUT
OF THE
STORE
...

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フコ
フコ
フコ

SHORT
SHORT...



IS THIS
REALLY
HAPPENING?

WAIT
A SECOND
...?

SNORT
SNORT...

W...WELL,
FIRST OFF,
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

OH BOY!
NOW I'M
GETTING
ALL NERVOUS!

YOU PICKED
ME AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS OF
BEING
IGNORED
BY ALL THE
PEOPLE?

OH
MY GOD!



BARK BARK!

LET'S GET
GOING
MY NEW
MASTER!

WELL,
NOW THAT
WE'VE
ESTABLISHED
THAT...

WHAT ARE
YOU SNORTING
ABOUT?!

THANK
YOU
50000
MUUUUCH!!

SNORT!

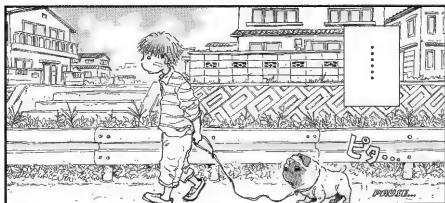
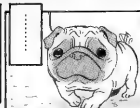


IS WHERE
I GO!

FROM
NOW ON,
WHERE
YOU GO..



SNORT...SNORT...





I'VE
NEVER
WALKED
...



...FOR
THIS
LONG.



TOO!
ぐい??!!



I'M
SORRY
MASTER.

フゴ
フゴ

SHORT
SHORT...



AND
MY
FEET
CAN'T
...



ズル
ズル





YOU'VE
GOT
SOME-
THING
TO TAKE
CARE OF?



WELL,
HURRY
BACK!









WELCOME
BACK!
WELCOME
BACK!!!

WELCOME
BACK!!

MASTER!



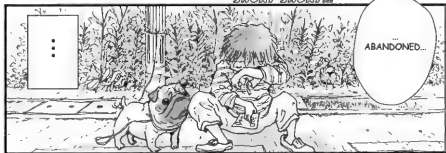
MASTER
MASTER
MASTER!!!

LICK
LICK!

すぼろ!
FLOP!

WHELP
WHELP

SHORT
SHORT...





IS
EVERYTHING
ALRIGHT?

WHAT'S
WRONG
MASTER?

LOST! LOST!



MASTER...



...



I TASTE
SORROW

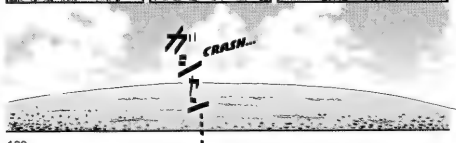
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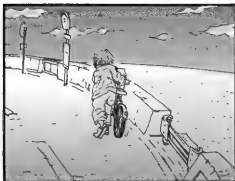
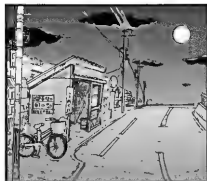
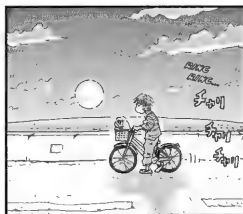






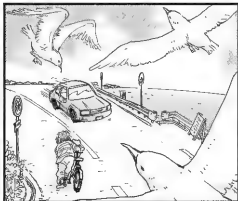
HOP!







VIROOM!



FWOOSH...



WROOM... SLAM!

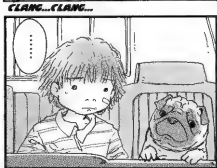


...AND NOW ON YOUR WAY HOME HUH?

YOU WERE GONNA GO AROUND THE COUNTRY, BUT YOU GAVE UP...



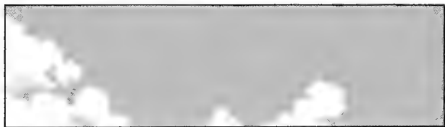
HEY KID, LET ME GUESS...

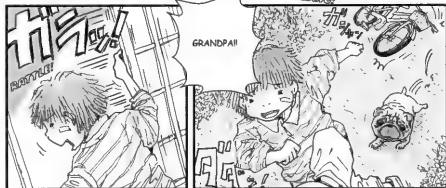
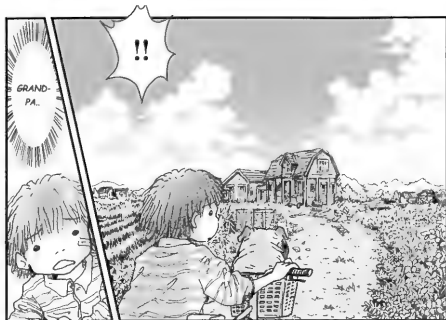


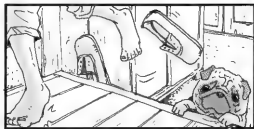
YES...

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!
IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR HUH?









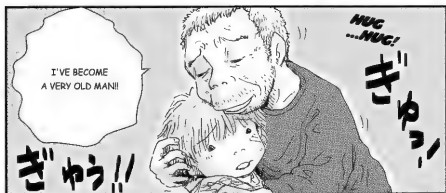
BOYLE!







CRUMBLE...



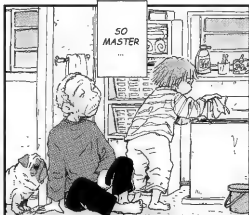
THANKS...



AND AND...



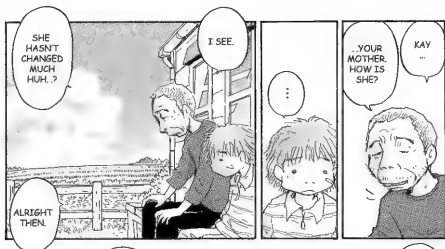






SCRATCH... SCRATCH...

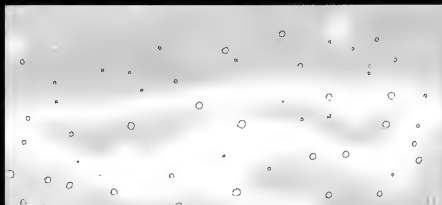
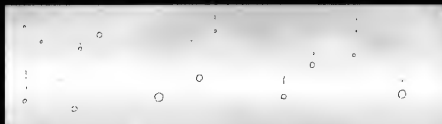


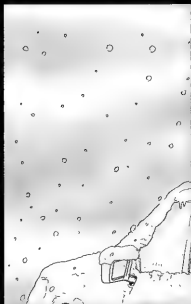
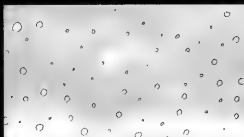


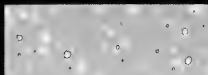














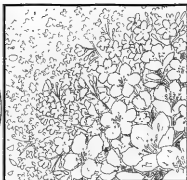


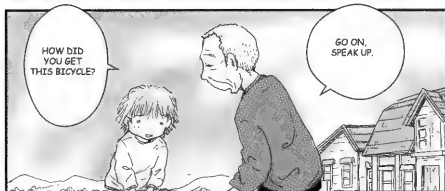
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星守る犬

STAR PROTECTOR

DOG







BARK
BARK!!!

MOST
PEOPLE
LIVE A
RIGHTEOUS
LIFE!!

TETSUO!
NO MATTER
WHAT YOUR
CIRCUM-
STANCES
MAY BE...

YOU
OLD FART!!
LEAVE MY
MASTER
ALONE!!!

BARK
BARK
!!!

TETSUO!!

I'M
SO SORRY...

LET
ME GO!!!

SNORT SNORT!!

...AND
APOLOGIZE
TO THEM.

LET'S VISIT
ONE PERSON
AT A TIME...

や
ね
...
OH, BOY...

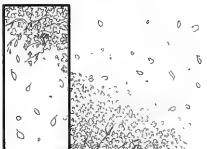
ALRIGHT THEN.
WE HAVE TO
GO RETURN
THEM.



SNORT...



SNORT SNORT...



SNORT SNORT...



DID YOU
FLY HERE?

YOU'VE COME
A LONG
WAY...



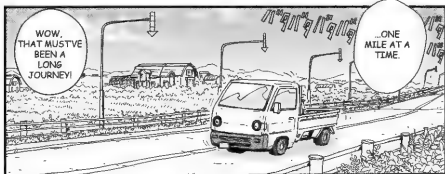
„DROVE
DOWN
THROUGH
SIDE
STREETS...

SO
WE CAME
IN A
LITTLE
TRUCK.



WE
COULDN'T
AFFORD
A FLIGHT

WELL,
UNFORTU-
NATELY



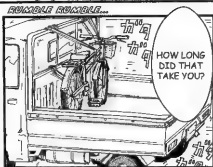
WOW,
THAT MUST'VE
BEEN A
LONG
JOURNEY!

...ONE
MILE AT A
TIME.



QUITE
A...

.. WHILE.



HOW LONG
DID THAT
TAKE YOU?



BING BONG!

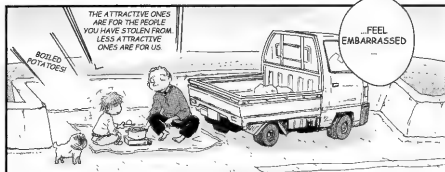






YES...





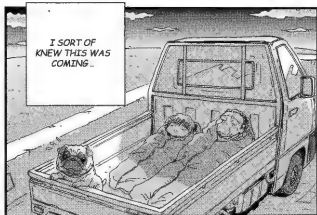
RUMBLE RUMBLE!



CLACK!



RUMBLE RUMBLE



BUT I GUESS
WE ARE
SLEEPING
OUTDOORS
AGAIN!

I SORT OF
KNEW THIS WAS
COMING...



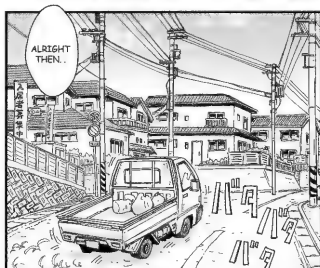
THIS MUST BE
IN THEIR
"BLOOD"!!

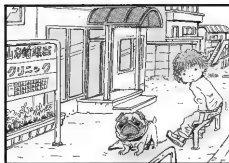




I AM SO SORRY...





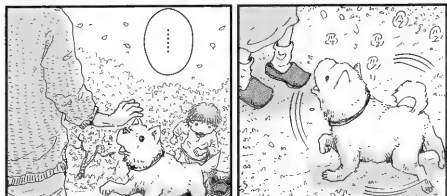
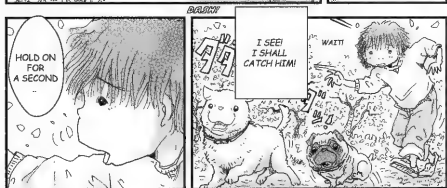




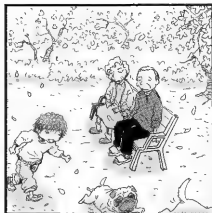
SHORT
SHORT...











SHORT
SHORT...



SHORT SHORT...





WHOOOSH...



WE'VE BEEN
SO BUSY
I DIDN'T EVEN
REALIZE...

THAT'S
A PITY!!

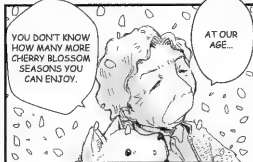


...ARE
STARTING
TO FALL
ALREADY...

THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
PETALS...



IT'S NOT
A PROBLEM.



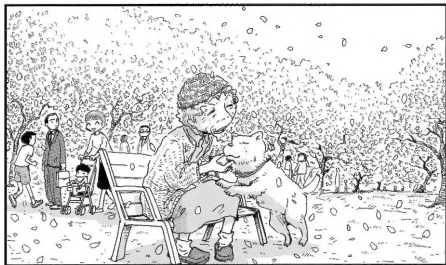
YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY MORE
CHERRY BLOSSOM
SEASONS YOU
CAN ENJOY.

AT OUR
AGE...



EPILOGUE





YOU'RE BEING
MISTAKEN FOR
THE OTHER DOG
AGAIN...

続・星守る犬／完

STAR PROTECTING DOG PART 2
THE END

AFTERWARDS

Thank you so much for reading "Star Protecting Dog - Part 2."
My name is Murakami, and I just finished Part 2 this morning.
It is snowing quite a bit outside right now. We had so much snow this year.

The previous series of "Star Protecting Dog" was a rather understated and quiet story. Nevertheless, I've received so much feedback from readers in the form of letters, postcards and emails. I've read each and one of them over and over; I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

I've written Part 2 as a heartfelt response to the 2,000 responses I've received for "Star Protecting Dog." I'd like thank all the readers who have sent me warm and encouraging messages.

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I'm not good with complex philosophical comments, however, I'd like to write one last thing. I think happiness really is to be able to feel, "needed by somebody," or to know that "somebody is always waiting for you." Perhaps that is why we humans like to keep dogs as a companion.

Looks like the snow is about to stop. The sun is slowly coming through the clouds, and sky is starting to get just a little bit brighter.

Until then,
Many Thanks.

February, 2011 at east Hiroshima
Takashi Murakami

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